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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 18, 2006, the Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7. This election is made with traverse.